

MILTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(Hybrid Meeting)

November 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dale Pfeil. The following Councilpersons were present: Mrs. Meckley, Mr. Specht, Ms. Fawess, Mr. Dale Pfeil, and Mr. Swartz. Also in attendance were Jess Novinger, Shelly Sandstrom, Mayor Shearer, Chief Derr, Attorney Benion, Chief Zettlemoyer, and Kevin Mertz. Mr. Walker, Mr. Medina, Mr. Moralez, Sam Shaffer, and Scott Derr joined via zoom. Mr. Robol was absent.

Minutes: On motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council approved the minutes from the October 27, 2021, Council meeting.

Report of the Borough Manager: Mrs. Novinger reported that she has been working diligently with Department Heads and Council Committees to finalize the proposed 2022 budget. She anticipates having the budget and budget narrative ready for full-Council review by Friday, November 12. The first reading of the budget will then be at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 23.

Next, she informed Council that Tom Aber at Mayor-elect may finish out 2021 as a member of the Planning Commission, however Section 903 of the PA Municipalities Planning Code states “no elected officials can serve on a zoning hearing board.” Therefore, there will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission once Tom is sworn in. There may be others in need of reappointment for 2022, so a comprehensive list will be brought before Council for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

She then reminded Council that the next Council Meeting will be held on a **TUESDAY** – November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Report of the Mayor: Mayor Shearer congratulated all newly elected and re-elected officials. He congratulated Tom Aber on winning the Mayor position and wished him well.

Report of the President of Council: Vice-President Dale Pfeil reported for President Walker congratulating the newly and re-elected officials stating that he looked forward to working with them all.

Report of Chief of Police: Chief Zettlemoyer reported that the Department’s drug take-back program had over 25 pounds to be destroyed. They will also be participating in the Christmas program that will deliver gifts to families in need. Officer Davis recently spoke to students about DUI issues, and it was very well received. There was a robbery incident at the Village and the department apprehended the suspect.

Report of Public Works Director: Sam Shaffer reported that leaf pick-up is going well. He has received complaints about dust getting on people’s cars, but there is no way to avoid that while doing leaf pick-up. .

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Derr's report stating that so far in November they have responded to 8 calls for service. The volunteer EMS staff has had 9 calls for service. Year to date the volunteers have responded to 628 Fire/Rescue/QRS and second due ambulance calls. Micu 15 has responded to 84 calls for service in November. Year to date, they have responded to 2001 calls for service.

Public Comments: No comments.

Public Works and Cemeteries: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

General Government and Finance:

- A. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved the Council meeting dates for 2022.
- B. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mr. John Pfeil and carried, Council adopted Resolution #21-11 reducing the Police Officers' Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the Year 2022. .
- C. On motion of Ms. Fawess, seconded by Mrs. Meckley and carried, Council approved paying the bills from General Fund, Reserve, Payroll, Community Pool, Liquid Fuels, and Cemetery accounts in the amount of \$57,963.16.

Wayne Cawley, 50 Mahoning Street, addressed Council via zoom saying that he was glad to be able to attend the Council meetings. Vice-President Dale Pfeil responded that he is always welcome to join either via zoom or at the Borough Hall.

There being no further questions or business, on motion of Mrs. Meckley, seconded by Ms. Fawess and carried, Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shelly Sandstrom
Secretary/Treasurer